

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE**

KATHRINE ANNE LAFRENIERE,
Plaintiff,

v.

MERIDIAN SCHOOL DISTRICT, is a
municipal corporation, and is sued in its
capacity as a municipal entity, JAMES
EVERETT, in his official capacity as
Superintendent Meridian School District
KURT HARVILL, in his official capacity as
Assistant Superintendent, Meridian High
School,

Defendants.

Case No. 2:24-cv-1691-RAJ

ORDER

THIS MATTER comes before the Court on Defendants' Motion to Dismiss for Lack of Service (Dkt. # 16) and Plaintiff's Motion for Leave to Cure Service Defect (Dkt. # 22). The Court has reviewed the motions, the materials filed in support of the motions, the balance of the record, and the governing law. This Court held a telephone conference on May 13, 2025. The Court GRANTS in part and DENIES in part Plaintiff's Motion for Leave and DENIES Defendants' Motion to Dismiss.

1 The Court summarizes the rulings made in the telephone conference as follows:

- 2 1. The Court DENIES Defendants' Motion to Dismiss for Lack of Service.
3 Dkt. # 16.
- 4 2. The Court GRANTS in part Plaintiff's Motion for Leave to Cure Service
5 Defect. Dkt. # 22. Upon the record and representations made by the parties
6 during the telephone conference, Plaintiff has properly served Defendants
7 Meridian School District and James Everett. Under Federal Rule of Civil
8 Procedure 4(m), the Court exercises its discretion to extend Plaintiff's time
9 to serve Defendant Kurt Harvill within **thirty (30) days** of this Order.
10 Plaintiff must effectuate service in accordance with the Federal Rules of
11 Civil Procedure and Washington State law. The Court DENIES Plaintiff's
12 request to have the U.S. Marshals effectuate service on Defendants and
13 Plaintiff's request to amend the Complaint. *See id* at 5.
- 14 3. Throughout the briefing in the matter, the parties also raised other
15 requests that the Court denies as follows:
 - 16 a. Defendants' request to strike Plaintiff's Motion for Leave to Cure
17 Service Defect. Dkt. # 25 at 3–4.
 - 18 b. Plaintiff's demand for production of opposing counsel's legal
19 credentials. *See* Dkts. # 27, 28, 32.

20 DATED this 13th day of May, 2025.

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22 The Honorable Richard A. Jones
23 United States District Judge
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